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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A
Lower Paluxy B Zone
Mooringsport A Zone
Hough Sand, Reservoir A
Minden Field
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Our File No.: 360135.0010

Dear Sir:

On behalf of O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, Lower Paluxy B Zone, Mooringsport A Zone, Hough Sand, Reservoir A in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create three (3) additional drilling and production units for the Lower Paluxy B Zone in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, (to be designated as L PXY B SUC through L PXY B SUE) as shown on the plat labeled Exhibit "A" and attached hereto;
2. Alternatively, with respect to the L PXY B SUD, to confirm that the unit created by Order No. 457-1, effective May 1, 1960, for the Youngblood Sand was redesignated as a Lower Paluxy B Zone Unit (referenced herein as L PXY B SUD) and that the Youngblood Sand was recognized as part of the Lower Paluxy B Zone by Order No. 457-K, effective March 16, 1961;
3. To dissolve the unit created by Order No. 457-E, effective May 1, 1960, for the Hough Sand, Reservoir A;

4. Simultaneously with the dissolution of the Hough Sand unit referenced in 2. above, to establish rules and regulations and to create four (4) drilling and production units for the Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana (to be designated as L PXY A SUA through L PXY A SUD) as shown on the plat labeled Exhibit "B" and attached hereto;
5. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the Mooringsport A Zone in Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana (to be designated as MPT A SUE) as shown on the plat labeled as Exhibit "C" and attached hereto;
6. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within said units, with allocation of production from each unit well to the tracts within the unit therefor to be on the basis of surface acreage.
7. To designate O'Brien Energy Company as the operator of L PXY B SUC, L PXY B SUD, L PXY A SUA and L PXY A SUC;
8. To designate the following unit wells, at the locations shown on the plats attached hereto, for certain of the proposed units:

O'Brien Energy Company - L PXY B SUC; Winget 21 No. 1 Well

O'Brien Energy Company - L PXY B SUD; Hough No. 1 Well

O'Brien Energy Company - L PXY A SUA; Youngblood 21 No. 1 Well

O'Brien Energy Company - L PXY A SUC; Winget 21 No. 1 Well

and to grant any exceptions to the 457-K Series of Order which may be necessary with respect to such Unit Wells.

9. To provide that any future wells drilled to, permitted for or completed in the Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, shall be located no closer than 450 feet to any unit boundary and no closer than 900 feet from any other well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit shall have been granted to drill to said zone and reservoir;
10. To amend the well spacing provisions of Order No. 457-K, effective March 16, 1961, and the 457-K series to provide that any future wells drilled to, permitted for or completed in the Lower Paluxy B or Mooringsport A Zones, shall be located no closer than 450 feet to any unit boundary and no closer than 900 feet from any other

well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit shall have been granted to drill to said zone and reservoir;

11. Except as may be in conflict herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 457-K, effective March 16, 1961, to the units to be created hereby for the Lower Paluxy B and Mooringsport A Zones, respectively; and
12. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and necessary under the circumstances.

The Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish Louisiana, is defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval (electric log measurements) between the depths of 6647 feet and 7039 feet in the O'Brien Energy Company - Youngblood 21 No. 1 Well, located in Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT the Hudson Sand, Reservoir A, as defined in Order No. 457-F, effective September 1, 1960.

The Lower Paluxy B Zone and Mooringsport A Zone, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, were fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 457-K, effective March 16, 1961.

The Hough Sand, Reservoir A in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Order No. 457-E, effective May 1, 1960.

Pertinent data regarding this application will be available for inspection at the offices of O'Brien Energy Company, 5925 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Alan Brittain at (318) 865-8568, during normal business hours, or write Mr. Brittain at the above address in order to arrange a time and date for such inspection. Copies of such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached and a copy of this application, with the annexed plats, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons required by the Rules of Procedure. The Applicant will also arrange for mailing, posting and publication of the legal notice of this hearing in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

A Pre-Application Conference was held at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, 15th Floor Conference Room, Bank One Tower, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 7, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. In addition to the Applicant's representatives, said conference

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was attended by the parties shown on the attached attendance list. Following a presentation by Applicant's representatives as to the geological bases for its proposal, a general discussion ensued. No counter plan was filed, although EOG Resources, Inc. reserved its rights. After further discussion, EOG Resources, Inc and the applicant agreed that the well spacing for future wells drilled to the Lower Paluxy B Zone, Mooringsport A Zone and the Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Minden Field, should be as set forth in 9. and 10. above.

A check in the amount of \$2,800.00 payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: 
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager
Office of Conservation (w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

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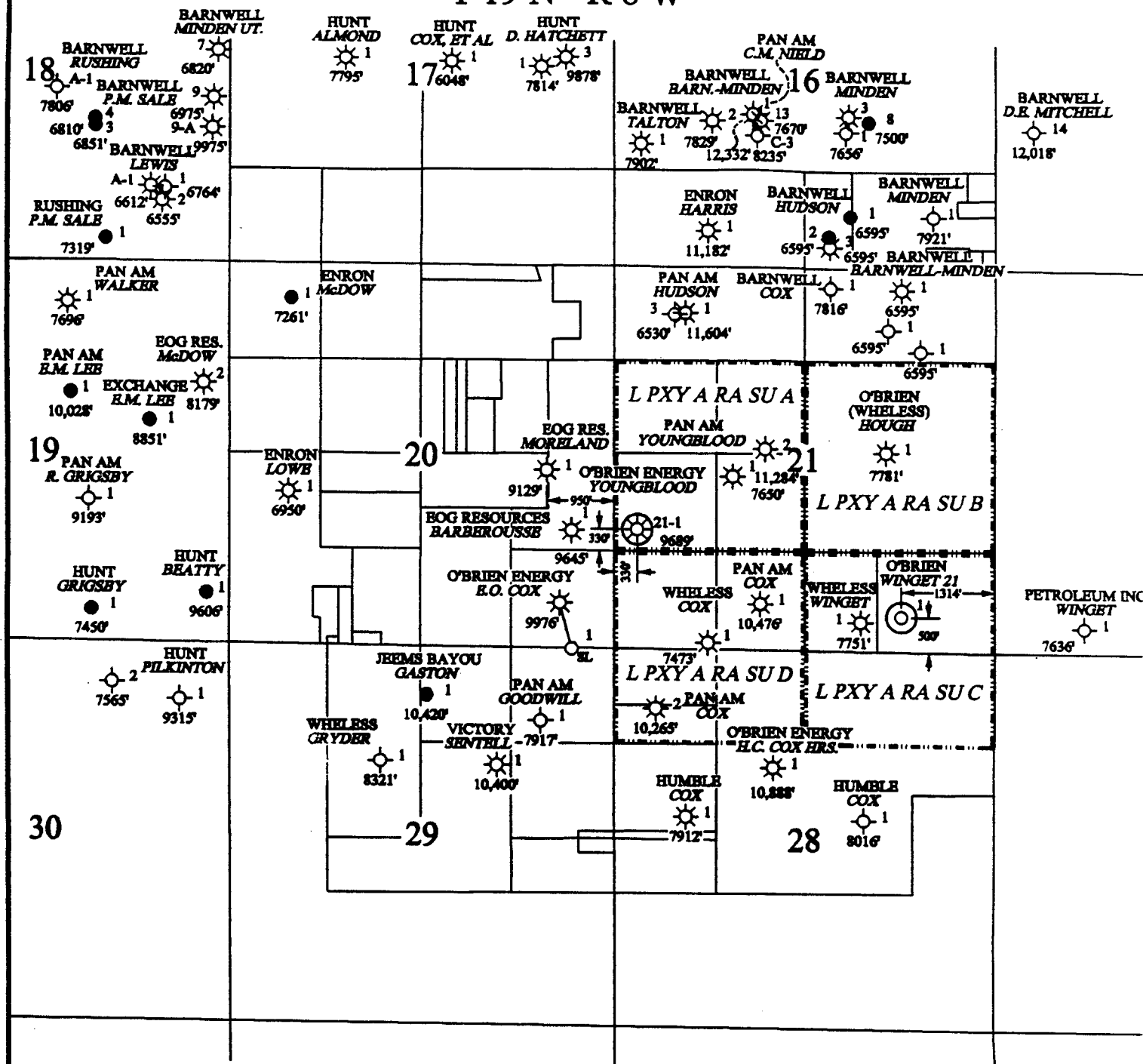


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O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

MINDEN FIELD
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

UNIT PLAT

-----:PROPOSED LOWER PALUXY "A", RESERVOIR A, SAND UNITS (± 160 ACS.)



:PROPOSED LOWER PALUXY "A", RESERVOIR A, UNIT WELLS



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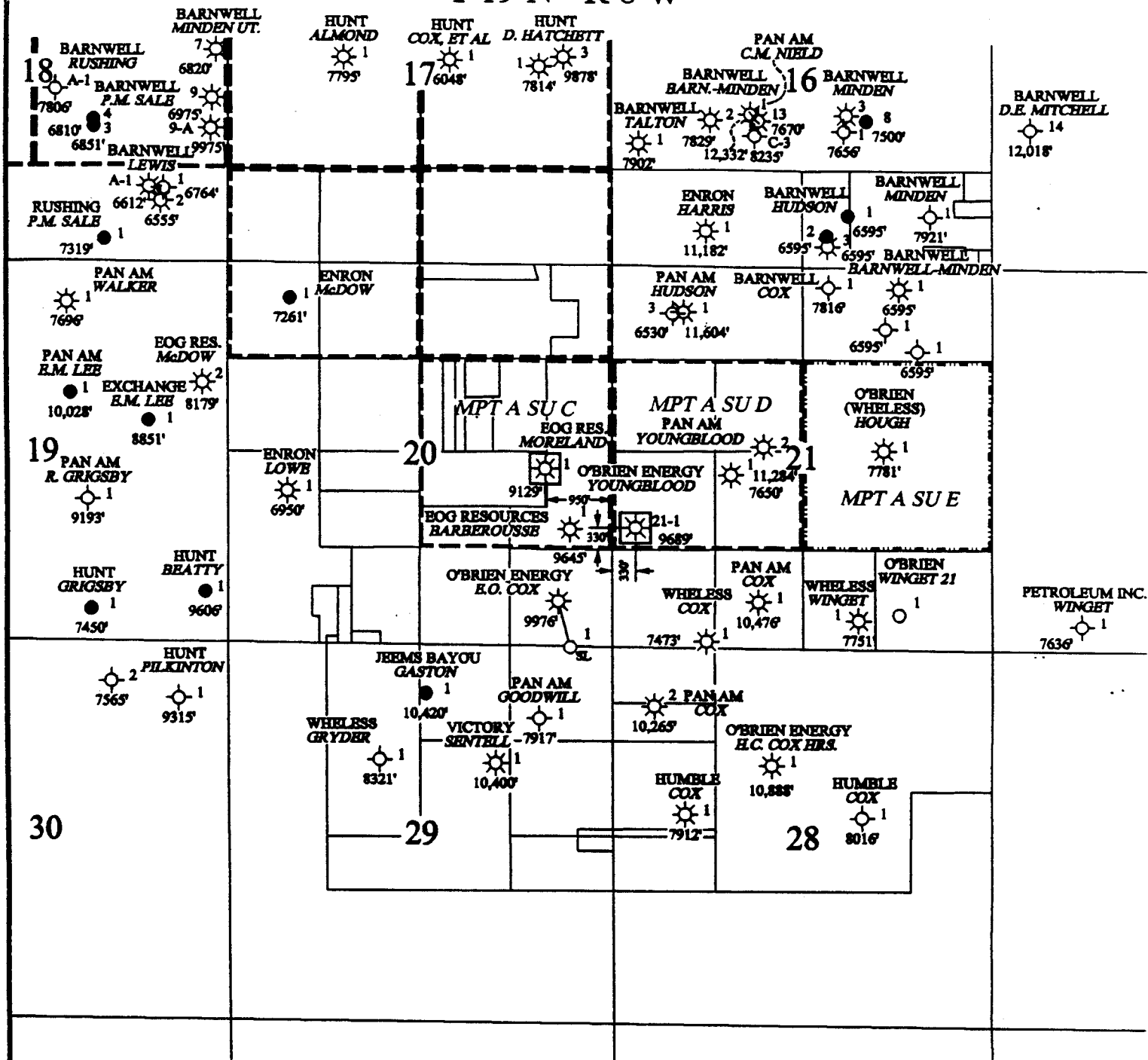


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UNIT PLAT

- : EXISTING MOORINGSPOINT "A" SAND UNITS (± 160 ACS.) ORDER No. 457-K SERIES
- : EXISTING MOORINGSPOINT "A" UNIT WELLS
- : PROPOSED MOORINGSPOINT "A" SAND UNITS (± 160 ACS.)



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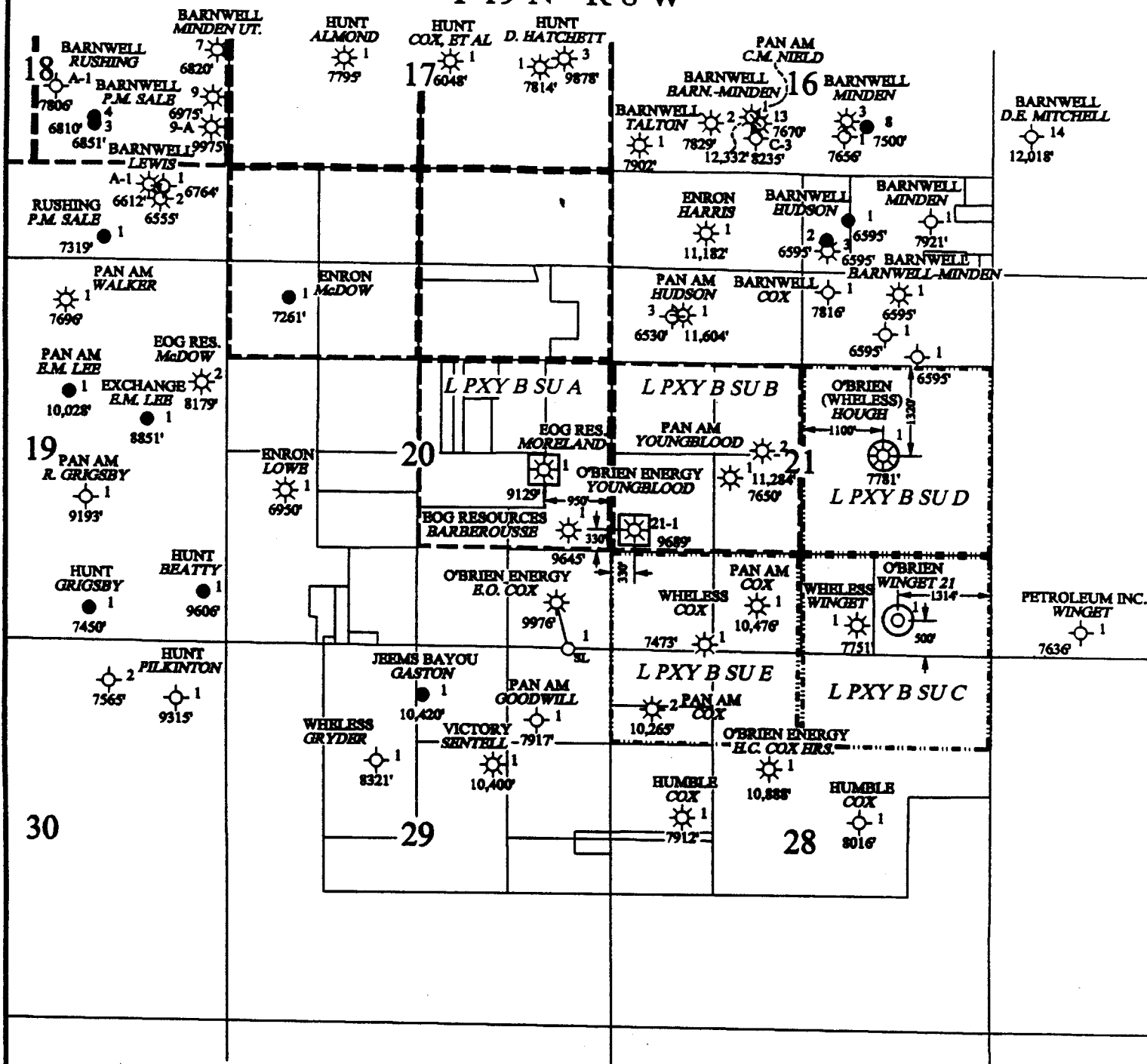






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UNIT PLAT

-  :EXISTING LOWER PALUXY "B" SAND UNITS (± 160 ACS.) ORDER No. 457-K SERIES
 :EXISTING LOWER PALUXY "B" UNIT WELLS
 :PROPOSED LOWER PALUXY "B" SAND UNITS (± 160 ACS.)
 :PROPOSED LOWER PALUXY "B" UNIT WELL

